information is regularly hosted in the official website of the Ministry for worldwide promotion and disseminated through the Indiatourism Offices in the country and abroad.

(c) The amount earmarked for overseas promotion during the year 2007-08 is Rs. 165 crore. The allocation for subsequent years in the Eleventh Five Year Plan has not been finalized.

**Erosion control in the North East**

*125. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for erosion control in the North East by the Brahmaputra River;

(b) the time limit of implementation of the said projects considering the enormous loss of land;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that such massive erosion was taking place;

(d) whether the reasons for the massive erosion is deforestation; and

(e) if so, whether any dedicated afforestation projects have been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Flood management and erosion control being within the purview of the State Governments, the related schemes are being implemented by the States concerned. However, with a view to assist the State Governments, the Government of India had approved a scheme in December, 2004 for taking up of Critical Flood Control and Anti-Erosion measures in Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys in the North Eastern Region including Sikkim and West Bengal (North Bengal area) at an estimated cost of Rs.150.00 crores. Subsequently, the cost of the scheme was enhanced to Rs.225 crores in September, 2006, out of which a sum of Rs.205 crores was meant for the State Governments and a sum of Rs.20 crores for Brahmaputra Board. The assistance was in the form of 90% as Central share and 10% to be provided by the States. Keeping in view the requirements projected by the State Governments, an amount of Rs. 146.20 crore has so far been released to the various State Governments in the North Eastern region including Sikkim and West Bengal. The details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

In addition to the above, the Government of India has also taken up the execution of some of the schemes relating to anti-erosion measures in the North Eastern region through Brahmaputra Board with 100% Central funding.

1. **Protection of Majuli Island:** Based on the recommendations of Expert Committee immediate measures for protection of Majuli Island were taken up by the Brahmaputra Board in January, 2004 at estimated cost of Rs.6.22 crores and the scheme was completed in February, 2005. Another project amounting to a sum of Rs.86.56 crores was formulated by the Brahmaputra Board and its Detailed Project Report (DPR) was approved by the Central Water Commission. Out of this, Phase I Scheme was approved by the Government of India and was taken up for execution

in February, 2005. These works are under progress and an expenditure of Rs.23.24 crore has so far been incurred and the balance works are scheduled to be completed during the working season of 2007-08. Taking up of Phase-II and Phase-III of the works included in the DPR would depend on the physical model studies which are conducted by North East Hydraulic and Allied Research Institute (NEHARI). The initial studies of the model have already been completed.

2. **Avulsion of Brahmaputra at Dhola Hatighuli:** In order to bring Debang and Lohit Rivers to its original courses, two schemes at estimated cost of Rs.14.62 crores have been completed. Another scheme amounting to Rs.6.1 crore has also been taken up of which 75% works have been completed and the scheme is scheduled to be completed in 2007-08.

3. **Kushiabil Anti Erosion Work on Dhansiri River near Dimapur in Nagaland:** The Board has taken up Phase-I of the above works at an estimated cost of Rs.0.85 crore which were completed in 2005-06. The Phase-II works amounting to Rs.1.80 crore have also been taken up which are scheduled to be completed during the working season of 2007-08.

(c) and (d) The Government is seized of erosion problem in the North East. The main reason for erosion, as per the recommendations of Master Plan prepared by Brahmaputra Board as well as the Task Force On Flood Management is natural process. However, deforestation in the river catchment may also be a contributing factor.

(e) The Ministry of Environment & Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for afforestation. In North East States, 128 Forest Development Agency projects have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.284.81 crore for treating an area of 1.60 lakh ha. upto 31.3.2007. An amount of Rs.233.33 crore has been provided to Forest Development Agencies of North East States up to 31.3.2007.

***Statement***

*Details of allocation of funds and releases made to different North Eastern States including Sikkim and West Bengal for critical flood control and anti-erosion schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak Valley under State sector during Tenth Five Year Plan*

(Rs. in crore)

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | No. of Schemes | Allocation made as per scheme | Central Share (90%) | Total Amount Released |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1. | Assam | 44 | 96.25 | 86.62 | 78,8182 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 7 | 22.32 | 20.08 | 16,3755 |
| 3. | Manipur | 4 | 12.39 | 11.15 | 7.911 |
| 4. | Meghalaya | 2 | 9.29 | 8.32 | 2,6350 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 3 | 9.12 | 8.21 | 6.198 |

| (1) | (2) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | Nagland | 1 | 8.68 | 7.82 | 3.897 |
| 7. | Sikkim | 3 | 12.96 | 11.67 | 8.595 |
| 8. | Tripura | 7 | 19.85 | 17.87 | 12.7635 |
| 9. | West Bengal | 4 | 14.14 | 12.73 | 9.01 |
| | TOTAL: | 75 | 205.00 | 184.47 | 146,2032 |

Note: These schemes are being implemented by the concerned State Governments.

**Projected requirement in the luxury hospitality sector**

*126. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the luxury sector, the projected requirement for over a period of five years till 2011, will be around 53,000 rooms across ten cities:

(b) if so, whether the requirement would be about 1.38 lakh jobs between 2007-2011, and out of this 94,000 would be fresh talent; and

(c) whether catering institutes are capable of producing about one lakh trained personnel especially when only 20 per cent of the hotel management graduates opt for hospitality industry and balance attracted towards BPOs, Airlines, Call Centres, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) As per the assessment of the Ministry of Tourism, the additional hotel rooms in the approved category required in the country by 2010 will be about 1, 50,000.

(b) These additional rooms will generate about 2.03 lakh jobs.

(c) As per the assessment of the Ministry of Tourism, the trained manpower supply specific to hospitality crafts and management over a period of four years including 2010 will be of about 46,800 persons. This figure accounts for an attrition at a rate of 35% of total pass out.

**Foreign exchange on capital account**

*127. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of inflow of foreign exchange on the capital account during 2006-07, in each category, and which of these inflows are productive and which are speculative; and

(b) what corrective action, if any, has been taken or planned to curb speculative inflows?